

International Society of Nephrology

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Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 2003 is included in the annual year 2003 dues of US \$150.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. William E. Mitch, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Emory University, Renal Division, WMB Room 338, 1639 Pierce Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322, USA. (Checks must be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA must be paid through any United States bank.)

MEETINGS

THE WORLD CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY 2003

The World Congress of Nephrology 2003 will be held June 8–12, 2003, at the International Congress Centre in Berlin, Germany. This meeting is jointly organized by the International Society of Nephrology, the European Renal Association/European Dialysis and Transplant Association, the European Society of Pediatric Nephrology, the European Kidney Research Forum, the Gesellschaft für Nephrologie, and the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Klinische Nephrologie to offer participants a meeting of outstanding scientific scope and quality.

The Scientific Program is designed as a multidisciplinary forum for basic and clinical scientists and will feature state-of-the-art lectures and contributions from specialists in physiology, molecular biology, genetics, pediatric and adult nephrology, renal replacement therapy, including hemodialysis, continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, renal transplantation, hypertension, and cardiovascular complications in renal disease. The main program will consist of state-of-the-art lectures with invited lectures and specific lectures of the participating societies, symposia, free communications and poster sessions. The Continuing Medical Education sessions will be held in English, Spanish, Polish, and German.

Before the meeting, a training course will be offered for young nephrologists from Eastern Europe and will be complemented by satellite meetings devoted to various aspects of basic and clinical nephrology at several attractive European locations.

Satellite Meetings

Glomerulonephritis and Progression to Renal Insufficiency, organized by Prof. Dr. D. Schlöndorff, University of Munich, will be held at Kloster Seeon, Bavaria, Germany, June 12–15, 2003. For further information, contact sdorff@pk-i.med.uni-muenchen.de or the Web site: <http://www.glomerulonephritis-sat-wcn.org>

Acute Renal Failure, organized by Norbert Lameire, will be held in Ghent, Belgium, June 13–15, 2003. For further information, contact Ingrid.verslycken@rug.ac.be or the Web site: <http://www.isnarf2003.be>

Advances in Renal Osteodystrophy, organized by W. Schulz and H.H. Malluche, will be held in Bamberg, Germany, June 13–15, 2003. For further information, contact walter.schulz@klinikum.bamberg.de or the Web site: http://www.bamberg.de/3_medizin/index.phtml

7th Banff Conference on Allograft Pathology, organized by Kim Solez, will be held in Aberdeen, Scotland, Great Britain, June 14–18, 2003. For further information, contact Kim.Solez@ualberta.ca or the Web site: <http://cnserver0.nkf.med.ualberta.ca/Banff/2003/>

End Organ Protection in Arterial Hypertension: Beyond Blood Pressure Control, organized by R. Schmieder and J. Mann, will be held in ICC Berlin, German, June 13, 2003. For further information, contact roland.schmieder@rzmail.uni-erlangen.de or the Web site: <http://www.uni-erlangen.de/dics/FAU/fakultaet/med/kli/kiu/mkIV/KFG1.htm>

Immune Interventions in Nephrology—Future Trends, organized by F.P. Schena, will be held in Bari, Italy, June 16, 2003. For further information, contact fp.schena@nephro.uniba.it or the Web site: <http://www.health-tech-net.org>

Kidney Transplantation in the Elderly, organized by U. Frei, P. Reinke, R. Schindler, S. Tulus, and K.-U. Eckardt, will be held in Weimar, Germany, June 12–14, 2003. For further information, contact Ulrich.frei@charite.de or the Web site: <http://www.cjarote.de/rv/nephro>

Stem Cells in Renal and Cardiovascular Disease, organized by D. Flieser and H. Haller, will be held in Groß-Dölin (near Berlin), June 13, 2003. For further information, contact haller.Hermann@mh-hannover.de

Molecular Mechanisms in Renal Disease—Ion Channels and Cell Contact, organized by F.C. Luft and H. Haller, will be held in Groß-Dölin (near Berlin), June 14, 2003. For further information, contact fluft@klinikumbuch.de

Fellows Special Session

ISN past and present fellows are entitled to present their accepted posters twice: (1) in the “general” display

areas according to category; and (2) in a "special" poster session to which their home and host mentors, as well as senior members of the Society, will be invited and refreshments will be served. The four best posters will be invited to present their work as short oral communications. They will also be awarded medals of distinction and cash prizes. Abstracts must be submitted in accordance with normal Congress procedure. In addition, a copy of each abstract must be submitted to the ISN Secretary-General, Professor Rashad Barsoum, The Cairo Kidney Center, P.O. Box 91, Bab-El-Louk, 11513 Cairo, Egypt. Copies may also be submitted by fax (+20 2 579 0267) or by e-mail (isn@rusys.eg.net). Acknowledgment of receipt shall be sent to each applicant. If the acknowledgment is not received within one week, please contact the Secretary-General's office.

Tropical Nephrology Session

A poster session will be assigned to the subject of Tropical Nephrology. Presenting authors of the four best abstracts will automatically receive travel grants according to the general terms of the World Congress of Nephrology and will be invited to present their work as short, oral, free communications. Abstracts must be submitted in accordance with normal Congress procedure. Winners will be informed about their grants and details of the oral presentation two weeks after the announcement of abstract acceptance.

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The Congress will be accompanied by a large industry exhibition, in addition to a cultural program, including a symphony concert and an evening museum tour. Travel grants from the ERA-EDTA and the ISN will be available on application. For further information on the Congress, contact: WCN 2003 Congress Office, Via Spolverini 2, 43100 Parma, Italy. Telephone: +39 0521 989078; Fax: +39 0521 959242; E-mail: congress@euromeetings.it; Web site: www.nephrology-2003.org

The Fourth International Meeting of the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) will be held June 4–7, 2003 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. There is no registration fee for this meeting. For further information, contact: Mr. Paul Beerkens. E-mail: paulbeerkens@nierstichting.nl

NephroAsia 2003 will be held August 14–16, 2003, at the Suntec International Conventions and Exhibitions Center in Singapore. For further information, contact Pauline Loew, Assistant Manager, Marketing Communications, Strategic Planning and Global Operations, National Kidney Foundation Singapore, 81 Kim Keat Road, Singapore 328836. Telephone: 011-63-515 153; Fax: 011-63-542-707; Web site: www.worldkidneyfund.org

The 10th Anniversary Course of the Budapest Nephrology School, under the auspices of the ISN, ERA, and EKRA, will be held August 28 to September 2, 2003,

at the Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary. Participating faculty represent the Nephrology Research and Training Center, Semmelweis University, Budapest; Worldwide Hungarian Medical Academy; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN, USA; University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and the Hungarian Kidney Foundation. The registration fee (780 EURO) includes admission to the teaching sessions, accommodations in a three-star hotel, all meals, a boat tour with dinner on the Danube, and all other social programs. The number of participants is limited. For further information and application, please contact: Lszlo Rosivall, M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc., Professor of Pathophysiology, Semmelweis University, Institute of Pathophysiology, Nephrology Research and Training Center, Nagyvarad ter 4, 1089 Budapest, Hungary. Fax: +361-2100-100; E-mail: rosivall@net.sote.hu

The First Renal Failure Academy will be held September 19–21, 2003, at the World Trade Center in Iasi, Romania. Its primary focus is for young nephrologists from all Eastern European countries. Speakers with international reputations will present information on clinical nephrology, hypertension, and dialysis and transplantation, focusing on evidence-based medicine and therapeutic options in acute and chronic renal failure. The format will provide interactive sessions and workshops. Most of the expenses (travel cost, accommodations, and educational materials) will be covered by the organizers. The registration fee is 50 Euro. The number of participants is limited. This meeting has the support of the ERA-EDTA, ISN/COMGAN, Joint Action Nephrology Eastern Europe, and the Romanian Society of Nephrology. Young nephrologists should submit an application and CV to Associate Professor Adrian Covic, M.D., Ph.D., Nephrology Clinic, Parhon University Hospital, Carol 1st Blvd. 50, Iasi 6600 Romania. Telephone/Fax: +30-232-210490; E-mail: acovic@xnet.ro

The Third International Congress on Uremia Research will be held October 2–4, 2003, in Taormina, Sicily. The deadline for submission of abstracts is May 2, 2003. For further information, contact: Professor Guido Bellinghieri, Viale Regina Margherita 69, 98100 Messina, Sicily, Italy. Fax: 39-090-36-36-36.

The 11th International ANCA and Vasculitis Workshop will be held October 2–5, 2003, in Prague, Czech Republic. The main topics of the workshop will be the etiology and pathogenesis of vasculitis, the current place of antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (ANCA) in the diagnosis and monitoring of disease activity and clinical studies in vasculitis. A postgraduate course will be organized on October 5, 2003. The meeting is co-sponsored by the Czech Society of Nephrology and European Vasculitis Study Group. For further information, contact: Professor Vladimir Tesar, Division of Nephrology, 1st Department of Medicine, Charles University, U nemocnice 2, 128 08 Prague 2, Czech Republic. Telephone/Fax:

00420224962696; E-mail: tesarv@beba.cesnet.cz, or the Web site: <http://www.anca2003.org>

AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) has announced the dates of the Board's 2003 examinations. The registration period for the 2003 Certification Examination in Nephrology is January 1, 2003 to April 1, 2003. The late registration period extends from April 2, 2003 to June 1, 2003. The date of the examination is November 5, 2003. It is important to note that the Board now offers all of its subspecialty certification examinations annually.

In addition, the ABIM Recertification Program, which has been renamed the Program for Continuous Professional Development (CPD), consists of an at-home, open-book self-evaluation process (SEP) and an examination that will be administered twice each year, May 6, 2003 and November 5, 2003. The registration period for the November examination is June 1, 2003 to September 1, 2003. To register for the examination, diplomates must be enrolled in the CPD program and be in at least year 6 of their certification cycle. For more information and application forms, contact: Registration Section, American Board of Internal Medicine, 510 Walnut Street, Suite 170, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3699. Telephone: 1-800-441-2246 or 1-215-466-3500; Fax: 1-215-446-3590; E-mail: request@abim.org. Physicians can also register for all ABIM certification and recertification examinations via the Board's Web site at www.abim.org (click on "online services").

AWARDS AND GRANTS

The AMGEN, Inc. International Prize for Therapeutic Advancement in Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) is pleased to announce the AMGEN, Inc. International Prize for Therapeutic Advancement of Nephrology, which inaugurates recognition for those who have increased the understanding and treatment of kidney disease through basic or clinical scientific research leading to therapeutic advances. This prize is made possible by the generosity and vision of AMGEN, Inc. in Thousand Oaks, California.

Each recipient will receive \$50,000 US and a framed certificate with an appropriate citation. Normally, the prize is to be awarded to a single individual. If two individuals are selected, they will share the prize equally. The prize will be awarded without restrictions to nationality, race, religion, or gender. An advisory committee representing members of the ISN and AMGEN, Inc. will recommend recipients of the prize. To be considered for the prize, nomination letters must be sent to the Advisory Committee Chair, John H. Dirks, M.D., Massey College, 4 Devonshire Place, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5S 2E1.

Nomination letters must describe the basic or clinical scientific role of the nominee and should be accompanied by a full curriculum vitae with a complete mailing address and at least two supporting letters that detail the full nature and scope of a major and sustained therapeutic advance. The first prize will be presented at the ISN Congress in Berlin in June, 2003, and, every 2 years thereafter at the Congress of the ISN through 2009. For further details and the complete terms of reference, consult the ISN Website: www.isn-online.org

Grand Hamdan International Award in the field of Renal Diseases: Pathogenesis and Management

The General Secretariat is pleased to invite doctors, researchers, universities, research centers, and medical scientific societies throughout the world to nominate qualified candidates for the award for 2003-2004. The amount of the award is \$80,000 US. Closing date for nominations is December 31, 2003. For further information and application forms, please contact: The General Secretariat, Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences, P.O. Box 2252, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Telephone: +971 4 2275 888; Fax: +971 4 2273 938/2272 999; E-mail: shhaward@emirates.net.ae; Web site: <http://www.hmaward.org.ae>

Hospital Diabetes and Dialysis Research Program

The first annual Hospital research awards are being announced. Hospital, a world leader in renal replacement therapy, has created Hospital research funding to support clinical studies, this year, focusing on cardiovascular risk management in dialysis, particularly in the diabetes patient. Diabetes is a major risk factor for end-stage renal disease patients and cardiovascular disease continues to be the main cause of death. For many years, Hospital has been investigating innovative therapies in this area, spreading knowledge through symposiums and educator sessions. The Hospital research funding is intended to support innovative patient-oriented clinical research, proposed by physicians and researchers involved in this field. For complete information and applications, please contact <http://www.hospital.com>

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